

This letter is a little better than that of last week, and I will try and do better next time. Until then, I say good bye.

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For Evangelist Readers.

Below will be found a copy of a letter from Eld. Martin Shively the member of the Board from the California district. He at once recognized his responsibility and adopted his own plan before there was time to institute a general system, and he is working it. I trust the rest of the Board will be moved to do all they can to canvass the church and bring everybody into the harness, either by a system of their own, or the one outlined by the Secretary.

J. C. CASSEL,
Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

Lathrop, Calif. Oct. 11th, 1897.
J. C. Cassel, Philadelphia, Pa.

DEAR SIR:—Enclosed find a P. O. order for \$12.83, less cost of order, our first contribution to the National Mission fund. Do not expect the same amount each month, for it is raised as follows:—Immediately when I heard of the resolution passed I prepared a subscription paper headed: For the support of Mission work under the direction of the National Mission Board of the Brethren church. I agree to pay at least 1c. per month, for one year, beginning Aug. 1st, 1897, and ending July 31st, 1898. This paper I carried with me to all of my appointments, and made public announcement concerning it, inviting everybody to contribute to the fund. At the close of the services I place the paper on the desk, and up to this time it foots up about \$35.00 and when I am through it will not fall far below \$45 for the year, and may be more. When you know that in all I cannot reach 100 of our people, I am sure you will be pleased with the help our California folks will give to this worthy cause. May it prosper to the saving of many souls. One thing more about our help.—I have told the people they could pay their subscription at any time during the year, and the amount I send you is what has been paid in.

God is blessing the work here. Eleven confessions since Camp Meeting began.

I remain your Bro. in Jesus Christ.
MARTIN SHIVELY.

Chicago, Ill.

We have just finished a week of splendid meetings and had a good crowd tonight to encourage us in the coming week's work.

Brother McFaden was with us every night last week and we enjoyed the services immensely. He gave us the straight gospel in a straight way. There are several who are contemplating baptism. He gave an illustrated talk Sat. night on Old Testament facts illustrated by New Testa-

ment truths. This was highly appreciated by all.

The Lord is certainly with us. The work is on the increase and if nothing happens this spot in Chicago will be one the church can look to with pride. Some prominent people and excellent workers have offered their services and want to do all they can for the master's cause. If we do our part God will give the increase and help to build up a strong band to do his work.

It takes the faith of Paul, the patience of Job and the perseverance of David to accomplish anything. But when we think how Christ came to earth and exercised all of these traits and finally gave his life for us; it makes us feel as tho we were not doing very much and if it were not for his divine power working thro us there would be nothing accomplished. So we give him all the credit. Continue to pray for us. We believe your prayers are being answered.

N. C. EASTABROOKS.

ONE WAY FOR BOYS AND GIRLS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE MISSION.

J. L. HAMILTON.

I am a druggist, and not long ago I advertised in our village newspaper that I would take nicely cleaned prescription vials in exchange for goods, candy, etc. I received a great many vials in that way from the little boys and girls.

One day a small boy came in with a nice lot of vials, and after counting them and telling him what they were worth, I asked him what he wanted in exchange for them. He replied, "will you please give me money for them?" I handed him the money and asked him what he intended to do with it. He replied, "it is missionary money." The boy's frankness and earnestness pleased and interested me very much.

This incident suggested to me this plan by which little boys and girls all over the land can raise money for the mission fund with but little work and no expense.

There is scarcely a family but what have more or less bottles lying around going to waste, which can usually be nicely cleaned with concentrated lye and hot water. If they are clean your druggist will be glad to buy them of you, because he needs them and can buy them of you cheaper than he can from the manufacturers. Now boys and girls try this plan and you will be surprised at the amount of money you can raise for the Mission Board in this way. Then too, it would be interesting if you would all write to the EVANGELIST and tell us how much you have raised.

Galesburg, Kans.

Every dollar the miser gets makes him poorer.

Our Bible School.

PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

PSALM 145.

Subject—"A Psalm of Gratitude."

a. Too often we don't enjoy praying, nor God's word, nor his services simply because we are ungrateful for what he has done for us.

b. If one is not thankful for past favors given, is he apt to ask for other blessings?

c. Gratitude and giving of thanks are the mainsprings of devotion. Eph 5:20.

I. Things for which we should thank God.

1. His Greatness, v. 3. Psalms 95:3; Acts 14:24, 15, 29.

2. Mighty Acts, vs. 4 and 6. Psalms 136:24; John 3:17.

3. Goodness, v. 7. Ex. 34:67; Zech. 9:17; Rom. 2:4 and 11:22.

4. Righteousness, v. 7. Heb. 1:8, 9; v. 17,

5. Graciousness, v. 8. Psalms 103:13.
6. Slowness to Anger, v. 8. Psalms 103:8.

7. Mercy, v. 8. Psalms 103:11; Titus 3:5.

8. Help when we fall, v. 14. I John 1:9.

9. Temporal Blessings, vs. 15, 16. Psalms 24:1; Psalm 50:10, 12.

10. Nearness, v. 18. Deut. 4:7.

11. Answered Prayer, v. 19. Isaiah 65:24.

12. Preservation, v. 20. John 10:28-29.

a. Notice that David's idea of praise was testimony to men both publicly and privately.

b. Are you grateful to God for his blessings to you and yours? Have you told him that you are?

c. Are you enjoying your religion? If not try thanking Him for each blessing you receive.

J. L. GILLIN.

Peace with God, peace with man, peace with ourselves, are all alike possible for those who delight to do his will. Self forgotten, Christ exalted, the Holy Spirit honored, God's promises received; these are steps upon which we mount to the summit of peace.

The scales of selfishness must first be removed from our eyes before we can see opportunities to help Christ's representatives all about us. The self-centered person can never be a helpful person.

I find more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history whatever.—Sir Isaac Newton.